

REMARKS

Claims 34-47 and 52 are pending in this application. Claims 2-7, 9-20, and 48-51 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to their reintroduction in this application or a later-filed continuation or divisional application.

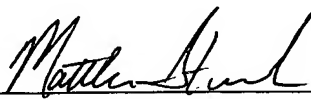
All of the remaining active claims 34-47 and 52 have been allowed by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-7, 9-20, and 48-51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,942,212 to Lentini and U.S. Patent No. 4,869,897 to Chatterjee and U.S. Patent No. 6,348,200 to Nakajima.

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 2-7, 9-20, and 48-51. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is in order.

If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the favor of an Examiner interview is requested and the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, to schedule the same.

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